

June 21, 2006

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Re: Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement for Devers Palo Verde No. 2 Transmission Line Project

Dear Mr. Salzmann:

The Arizona Game and Fish Department (Department) has reviewed the above-referenced Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Devers-Palo Verde No. 2 Transmission Line Project (DPV2). The following comments are provided for your consideration.

The Department understands that the Southern California Edison (SCE) proposes to construct a 500 kV electrical transmission line from the Harquahala Generating Station Switchyard to the Devers Substation. The proposed route exits the Switchyard, parallels the existing Harquahala-Hassayampa 500 kV line to the existing Palo Verde Devers Transmission Right of Way (ROW). The route continues within the existing ROW and adjacent to the existing Palo Verde-Devers Transmission Line No. 1 to the California border.

The Department notes that proposed route is within an existing ROW and Bureau of Land Management utility corridor, is adjacent to the existing Palo Verde-Devers Transmission Line No. 1 and that existing access roads will be used to maximum extent possible. We further note that the application includes best management practices and mitigation to minimize potential impacts to biological resources. For these reasons the Department does not anticipate that the proposed route will result in significant adverse impacts to wildlife and wildlife habitats.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this DEIS.. If you have any questions, please contact me at 928-341-4047.

Sincerely,

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